

Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A clasp that comprises a first part and a second part that can be joined together to fasten the clasp and that can be separated from each other to release the clasp, wherein the first and the second parts are identical to each other, and each of the first and second parts includes:

a) a resilient latch with an outwardly facing barb;
b) a channel for receiving the barb of the other part;
c) a catch located in the channel for engagement with the barb of the other part when the two parts are pushed together in an axial direction;

d) a housing containing the channel and extending transversely over the width of the part, the housing having an interface surface extending between the latch and the catch and abutting the corresponding interface surface of the other part when the clasp is fastened, the interface surface extending diagonally with respect to the axial direction such that the interface surface in the region of the catch is located axially behind the interface surface in the region of the barb;

wherein the arrangement of the barb and the catch of each part is such that the barb of each part engages the catch of the other part as the two parts are pushed together to keep the parts together and the latches of the two parts can be moved to release each barb from the catch of the other part and wherein the interface surfaces are arranged to slide over each other to separate the two parts when the barbs are released from the catches.

2. (original) A clasp as claimed in claim 1, wherein, on each part, the barb and the catch are arranged such that the catch is located axially behind the barb.

3. (previously presented) A clasp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the latch and the catch are located on opposite sides of each part.

4. (currently amended) A clasp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the latch forms a side wall of the housing of each of the parts, the latch side wall being moveable with respect to the rest of the housing to release the barb from the catch and open the clasp.

5. (new) A clasp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the latches of the two parts can be moved by a force applied laterally to each of the latches to release each barb from the catch of the other part, whereby the lateral forces causes the diagonal interface surfaces to slide over each other to move the two parts of the clasp apart.